

Columbia United Church Of Christ

June 23, 2019
Birthday of the UCC



CUCC
Columbia United Church of Christ

CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:

Columbia United Church of Christ celebrates God's boundless and unconditional love by intentionally welcoming and affirming all God's children.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey;
No matter where you are on your faith journey;
No matter your sexual orientation, gender expression or identity;
No matter your race, culture, ethnicity, nationality or politics;
No matter your age, ability, health, relationship status or family structure;
No matter your social, economic, educational, legal or life circumstances;
You are welcome here!

Called by Jesus to be an Open and Affirming, inclusive faith community, Columbia United Church of Christ commits to welcoming everyone into the full life of our congregation. Our paths and voices may differ, but we journey in faith together.

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June 23, 2019

9:30 Worship**

“UCC Sunday”

**Summer Schedule: 10:30 Worship resumes 9/8

*indicates that all are invited to stand, if comfortably able

“...as a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God...”
-Psalm 42:1

Welcome and Greetings

Rev. Crousore

Prelude

Amy Crousore
Gail Pollack

“Holy Manna/Resolution”

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Riley Hayward

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 8)

Connie Loveless

Today we celebrate the sixty-second anniversary of the union
that Created the United Church of Christ.

**We are grateful for all those who have gone before us,
who have fought the good fight and kept the faith.**

Their struggle to unite what was separated
has given us an example of unity in diversity.

**We struggle as well to live into that example in our own world
that is so separated and thereby so lonely.**

Let our moto be, as it was for them:

**In essentials, unity
In non-essentials, diversity
In all things, charity!**

*Opening Hymn “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation” #400

*Opening Prayer** Connie Loveless

**Almighty God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, and
who pourest out upon all who desire it the spirit of grace and
supplication, deliver us when we draw nigh unto thee. We
acknowledge that sometimes we bring wandering minds. Our
attention is overwhelmed by our cares. Our thoughts are not
steadfast thoughts and from our cold hearts our affections go
unkindled. But by your grace, may we worship thee in spirit and in
truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Assurance of Blessing**

Rev. Crousore

*Prayer Response

“Spirit of the Living God”

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Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me!

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me!

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me!

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me!

*Sharing God’s Gift of Peace

*At this time, you are invited to greet one another
with a hug or a handshake and the words,
“May God’s Peace be with you!”*

Children’s Time

“This Little Light of Mine”

Rev. Crousore

#524

(Sung as children return to their seats)

Mission Moment

“Food Bank”

Alice Moon

Anthem

Kaden Lucas & James Melton

“Bright and Beautiful”

Mark Hayes

New Testament Lesson:

Galatians 3:23-29

Connie Loveless

Paul, writing to the church in Galatia, expresses his understanding that we are all united and justified by our faith, not our actions. He calls for unity, expressing that we are all one in Christ Jesus, no matter who we are or where we are on life’s journey.

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Gospel Lesson:

John 17:1-9, 20-24

Connie Loveless

Jesus, praying in the Garden of Gethsemane before being betrayed, offers his most fervent prayer to God; that we may all realize the blessings of unity. This is the source of the motto in the United Church of Christ: “That All May Be One.”

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Sermon

“History”

Rev. Crousore

*Meditation Hymn

“In Christ There is no East or West”

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Ushers will collect prayer cards during the hymn

*Affirmation of Faith (*United Church of Christ Statement of Faith*)

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared

through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death, reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ; binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm, which has no end. Blessing and honor, Glory and power be unto you. Amen.

Community Prayer & Silent Prayer

The LORD's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response "Grant Us Peace"

**Hear our Prayer, O Lord!
Hear our prayer, O Lord!
Hear our Prayer, O Lord!
And Grant us Thy Peace! A-men!**

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life

Rev. Crousore

Presenting our Gifts

"Fantasy on Holy Manna"

Amy Crousore
John Carter

*To give online text "GIVE" to 573.240.4041 and follow the prompts
You can also give online by visiting our website: www.columbiaucc.com*

*Response "Thanks Be to God"

#425

**For the Fruits of all Creation, thanks be to God!
For God's gifts to every nation, thanks be to God!
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God!**

Prayer of Dedication*

Connie Loveless

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his name, you will be in the midst of them. Accept then these offerings that are from your own hand, returned now to you. Fulfill, O LORD, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come, life everlasting. Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

“In the Midst of New Dimensions”

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***Benediction**

Rev. Crousore

***Response:**

“Let There be Peace on Earth”

**Let there be Peace on Earth and Let it Begin with me!
Let there be Peace on Earth; the Peace that was meant to be!
With God our Creator, Children all are we!
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony!
Let Peace begin with me; let this be the moment now!
With every step I take let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!
Let there be Peace on Earth; and let it begin with me!**

***Postlude**

“Symphony in B-flat”

Amy Crousore
Nicholas Le Begue

***Portions of today's liturgy are from
“The Hymnal” of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, 1941;
Eden Publishing House, St. Louis*

*CUCC celebrates God's boundless love by:
Welcoming all God's People;
Nurturing Faith and Spiritual Growth;
Challenging and inspiring everyone with vibrant worship;
Building a supportive church family;
Transforming both the congregation and community
through service and outreach*

***Summer Worship Schedule:
Worship starts at 9:30 June 9– September 1
10:30 Worship resumes September 8***

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: Helen Schultz & Carol Duermeyer
Ushers: Pat Forward & Mark Duncan
Sound Booth: Matt Lucas
Worship Leader: Connie Loveless
Hospitality: Lena Muench
Acolyte: Riley Hayward

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Greeters: Stefanie Zimny & Audrey Lasley
Ushers:
Sound Booth: Doug Privitt
Worship Leader: Pat Forward
Hospitality: Inclusion Team
Acolyte: Katelyn Odneal



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WELCOME GUESTS! If you are a guest visiting with us this morning, please fill out a green card found in your chair pocket; and be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor Rick! We would love to get to know you better!

NAMETAGS We strive to be a friendly and welcoming church! Members and frequent guests, please wear your nametag each Sunday so we can greet each other most effectively and become an even friendlier church!

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NEW COOKBOOK COMING

The Women's Fellowship is putting together a new CUCC Cookbook! We need your recipes to make it happen. The women are collecting recipes until July 31. You may submit your recipe in the pot outside the sanctuary or e-mail it to the Church Office. For more information, talk to Mariann Bullerd.

GENERAL SYNOD RESOLUTIONS

There are 23 Resolutions coming to General Synod this year calling for a variety of awareness and action on issues ranging from Social Justice to restructuring of some New England Conferences. There is a link on the Home Page of the CUCC Website to take you to all resolutions, as they are listed on the UCC General Synod website. For more information go to www.columbiaucc.com and click on the "General Synod" tab or talk to Pastor Rick.

WHAT IS GENERAL SYNOD?

General Synod is the biennial gathering of the United Church of Christ for education, worship and service. Every two years, the General Synod convenes as the decision making, deliberation and discernment body of the church; and as it does, the diversity of the United Church of Christ is seen, heard and felt. This year, Synod is gathering in Milwaukee, Wisconsin June 21-25; and as they do, their deliberations will be on how to let the light of God shine thru us, the UCC.

OPEN AND AFFIRMING SUNDAY 6/30

Next Sunday (6/30) is Open and Affirming Sunday in the UCC and as one of the newest ONA churches in the UCC, we will definitely be celebrating! Be here next Sunday as we recite our Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant together, and celebrate our covenant with God and each other in many ways!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	6/23	<i>62nd Anniversary of the United Church of Christ</i>	
		Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Worship	9:30am
Tue	6/25	Quilters	9:00am
Wed	6/26	Clergy Personnel Committee Meeting	5:30pm
Thu	6/27	By-Laws Team	6:30pm
Sun	6/30	<i>Open and Affirming Sunday</i>	
		Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Worship	9:30am

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Sue Beckman... chemo is done! Hooray!

Raj Tolani... health issues and tests this week

Sharon Elliott... living with cancer, anticipating radiation therapy

Rev. Jim Elliott... for speedy relief from health issues

Infant Guinevere Williams... preemie doing well (Lisa Jaberg's niece)

Infant Finn Price and the Price family... Finn is diagnosed with Myotonic Dystrophy (Tricia's nephew)

Barb & Beth... health issues (Anne Heine's sisters)

Those affected by flooding... and other climate change symptoms
Ebenezer UCC, Levasy & Peace UCC, Hartsburg... dealing with floods

Our church... as we discern next steps as an ONA congregation

Harold Hackman... recovering from knee replacement 6/21

Parents who have lost children (Edie's cousin Ruth lost her son)

Emily & Harry's friend whose brother died in a fire (6/16)

Dale Gregory; Christine Mseke, Bea Gordon;

Gary Ehrhardt; Lasley Family; Remeika/Johnson family

Amy Koerkenmeyer & the Malicoat Family;

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Kathy Kindrick;

Nathan Schnell (Isaiah's friend); Christie O'Very;

Pregnancies in our church family:

Erin & Levi Markway; Nancy Liang & Corey Grace

Emily & Patrick Hanks

Serving us in the military:

Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson

James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)

Tim Isom, Tyler Gibson (Oberles' friends)

Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Charo Breckenridge, serving in Zambia

2019 Confirmation Class:

Noah Bredehoeft; Ember Piersee;

Andie Rapp; Ryan Schoeneberg; Sophie Schupp